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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1352

Introduced by Assembly Member Bogh

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 33334.25 of, and to add Section 33334.26 to, the Health and Safety Code, relating to redevelopment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1352, as amended, Bogh. Redevelopment: transfer of funds. Existing law, until January 1, 2010, authorizes contiguous agencies located within adjoining cities in a Metropolitan Statistical Area to create and participate in a joint powers authority in order to pool their housing funds to pay for the direct costs of constructing, substantially

rehabilitating, or preserving the affordability of housing units that are affordable to very low or low-income households.

This bill would authorize the legislative body of the jurisdiction in which the funds are expended to amend one or more of its redevelopment plans to extend by one year the date for the effectiveness and payment of indebtedness and receipt of property taxes, as specified, when a joint powers authority receives an amount of funds equal to the amount of funds required to be paid to a county ERAF by or on behalf of the agency in whose jurisdiction the funds are ultimately expended and the joint powers authority expends the funds in conformance with prescribed provisions. The bill would, for purposes of this provision, exempt the agency from complying with provisions relating to the amendment of a redevelopment plan.

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This bill would authorize a redevelopment agency, subject to specified conditions and requirements, to transfer to any agency

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anywhere within the housing region in which the agency is located funds it is required to use for the purposes of increasing, improving, and preserving the communities supply of low- and moderate-income housing available at affordable costs.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 33334.25 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

SECTION 1. Section 33334.26 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

33334.26. (a) A redevelopment agency, subject to the conditions and requirements set forth in this section, may transfer the funds described in Section 33334.2 to another redevelopment agency located within the housing region in which the redevelopment agency is located.

- (b) As used in this section, the following terms apply:
- (1) "Housing funds" mean funds in or from the low- and moderate-income housing fund established by an agency pursuant to Section 33334.3.
- (2) "Receiving agency" means a redevelopment agency organized under this part that receives housing funds from a transferring agency for the purpose of providing housing pursuant to this section.
- (3) "Transferring agency" means a redevelopment agency organized under this part that transfers housing funds to a receiving agency for the purpose of providing housing pursuant to this section.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, agencies located within the same housing region may adopt resolutions for the purpose of pooling their low- and moderate-income housing funds for affordable housing uses. A transferring agency may transfer a portion of its housing funds to a receiving agency for use by the receiving agency pursuant to this section. The receiving agency may determine the kinds of housing projects or activities to be assisted, consistent with this section. The receiving agency may loan, grant, or advance transferred housing funds for any eligible housing development within the

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receiving agency's jurisdiction, subject to the requirements of this section. In addition, the resolutions may authorize the receiving agency to issue bonds and to use the pooled funds to leverage other funds to assist eligible developments, including loans from private institutions and assistance provided by other governmental agencies.

- (d) Each of the following conditions shall be met and described in the resolution of each participating agency adopted pursuant to subdivision (c):
- (1) The community of each participating agency shall have an adopted up-to-date housing element pursuant to Article 10.6 (commencing with Section 65580) of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code, that has been determined to be in compliance with the law by the Department of Housing and Community Development.
- (2) The community of each participating agency shall have met, in its current or previous housing element cycle, 40 percent or more of its share of the region's affordable housing needs, as defined in Section 65584 of the Government Code, in the very low and lower income categories of income groups defined in Sections 50105 and 50079.5, respectively.
- (3) The transferring agency shall hold, at least 45 days before the transfer of funds to the receiving agency, a public hearing, after providing notice pursuant to Section 6062 of the Government Code, to solicit public comments on the proposed transfer of funds.
- (4) No housing funds shall be transferred from a project area that has an indebtedness to its low- and moderate-income housing fund pursuant to Section 33334.6.
- (5) No housing funds shall be transferred from an agency that has not met its need for replacement housing pursuant to Section 33413, unless the agency has encumbered and contractually committed sufficient funds to meet those requirements.
- (6) Pooled funds shall be used within the receiving agency's jurisdiction.
- (7) The resolution shall require compliance by the participating agency with the provisions of this section.
- (8) The receiving agency shall ensure that the funds it receives are used in accordance with the requirements of this section.

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(9) Funds transferred by an agency to a receiving agency pursuant to this section shall be expended or encumbered by the receiving agency within two years of the transfer. Transferred funds not so expended or encumbered by the receiving agency within two years after the transfer shall be returned to the transferring agency and shall be deemed excess surplus funds as provided in, and subject to, the requirements of Sections 33334.10 and 33334.12. Excess surplus funds held by a transferring agency shall not be transferred to a receiving agency.

- (10) The participating agencies shall prepare and submit an annual report to the department that documents the amount of housing funds received and expended or allocated for specific housing assistance activities consistent with Section 33080.4.
- (e) Each of the following conditions shall be met and described in a mutually binding contract between the transferring agency and receiving agency:
- (1) Pooled housing funds may only be used to pay for the direct costs of constructing, substantially rehabilitating, or preserving the affordability of housing units that are affordable to very low or low-income households. Units assisted with pooled funds shall remain available at affordable housing costs in accordance with subdivision (f) of Section 33334.3.
- (2) Except as provided in this section, pooled housing funds may not be used in any way that is inconsistent with the requirements of Section 33334.3. Pooled housing funds may not be used to pay for planning and administrative costs, offsite improvements associated with a housing project, or fees or exactions levied solely for development projects constructed, substantially rehabilitated, or preserved with pooled funds. The receiving agency is subject to the same replacement requirements provided in Section 33413 and any relocation requirements applicable pursuant to Section 7260 of the Government Code.
- (3) The receiving agency shall make findings, based on substantial evidence on the record, that each proposed use of the pooled funds will not exacerbate racial or economic segregation.
- (4) Affordable units developed through transferred funds shall be credited toward the regional housing needs allocation of the community of the transferring agency or the receiving agency, in

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an amount not to exceed the total number of affordable units created. The transferring and receiving agency shall agree in writing as to the allocation of credit for the affordable units.

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- (5) The department has evaluated each proposed use of pooled funds to construct, substantially rehabilitate, or preserve the affordability of housing and determined that the proposed use is in compliance with this section. In considering whether a proposed use of funds will exacerbate racial or economic segregation, the department shall consider all of the following:
- (A) The record of participating jurisdictions in meeting their share of the regional need for very low and low-income households allocated to the jurisdiction pursuant to Section 65584 of the Government Code.
- (B) The distance of the proposed housing from a redevelopment area from which pooled funds originated.
- (C) The income and ethnicity of the residents of the census tract from which the pooled funds originated and in which the housing will be located.
- (D) The housing need and availability of sufficient sites for housing from which pooled funds originated.
- (f) When a receiving agency receives funds from a transferring agency pursuant to this section in an amount of funds equal to the amount of funds required to be paid by or on behalf of the receiving agency pursuant to Section 33681.9 and the receiving agency encumbers and expends the funds within two years of receipt, the legislative body of the receiving agency may amend its redevelopment plans by adopting an ordinance to extend the date for the effectiveness and payment of indebtedness and receipt of property taxes of the redevelopment plans, as set forth pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 33333.2 or subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 33333.6, as applicable, for a period of one year. In adopting an ordinance pursuant to this subparagraph, neither the legislative body nor the agency is required to comply with Section 33354.6 or Article 12 (commencing with Section 33450) or any other provision of this part relating to the amendment of redevelopment plans.
- (g) Funds transferred pursuant to this section shall be deemed expended by the transferring agency for purposes of calculating excess surplus pursuant to Section 33334.12.

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All matter omitted in this version of the bill appears in the bill as introduced in the Senate, February 22, 2005. (JR11)